

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

LYDIA M. COOPER,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Case No: 12-12689  
Honorable David M. Lawson  
Magistrate Judge Mark A. Randon

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC  
REGULATORY COMMISSION,

Defendant.

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**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

The matter is before the Court on the plaintiff’s motion for appointment of counsel.

“‘[A]ppointment of counsel in a civil case is . . . a matter within the discretion of the court. It is a privilege not a right.’” *Childs v. Pellegrin*, 822 F.2d 1382, 1384 (6th Cir. 1987) (quoting *U.S. v. Madden*, 352 F.2d 792, 793 (9th Cir. 1965)). The plaintiff has failed to present convincing reasons as to why this Court should exercise its discretionary power at this time.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the plaintiff’s application for appointment of counsel [dkt #3] is **DENIED**.

s/David M. Lawson

DAVID M. LAWSON

United States District Judge

Dated: June 25, 2012

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing order was served upon each attorney or party of record herein by electronic means or first class U.S. mail on June 25, 2012

s/Deborah R. Tofil  
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